(a) whether the National Commission for Children has been duly constituted and has started functioning; if so, the composition thereof and the infrastructure created for its effective functioning; and

(b) whether it is a fact that National Policy for children remains on paper only; if not, the steps taken so far to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The proposal for setting up of National Commission for Children is under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) the National Policy for Children was formulated by the Government of India in 1974 and its provisions are being implemented by the Government of India in accordance with the objectives and aims of the Policy.

Some of the Schemes being implemented by the Government of India in pursuance of the National Policy for Children are:

(i) Integrated Child Development Services;

(ii) District Primay Education Programme;

(iii) Integrated Programme for Street Children;

(iv) The Programme for Juvenile Justice; and

(v) Reproductive and Child Health Programme.

Funds for Ocean Development Projects

3763. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been allocated for Ocean Development Projects during the last three years;

(b) whether there have been irregularities and misappropriation of funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The funds allocated under both Plan & Non-Plan

Programmes of the Department of Ocean Development during the past 3 years are as under:—

(Rs. In crore)

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	BE	RE	BE	RE	BE	RE
Plan	88.10	85.00	88.00	88.00	90.00	86.00
Non-Plan	17.85	17.11	19.50	19.41	20.88	20.67
Total	105.95	102.11	107.50	107.41	110.88	106.67

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Connecting Goods Train Stations to Passenger Lines in Maharashtra

3764. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect all goodstrain stations to passenger lines in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time limit fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Direct Train Service between Jammu and Jaipur

3765. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of Jaipur can avail direct train service to Jammu without getting down any station;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nowhere in the Time Table published by the Railways, this service popularly known as Pooja Express, finds place, giving people of other parts other wise impression; and

(c) if so, what are the reason for not mentioning this fact in the Time Tables for the convenience of people?